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In re application of:

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, the Office Communication dated January 31, 2006 and the Office Communication dated May 8, 2006, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;

(B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all the

claims:

- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims; and

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this

paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 190036.